

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVARRO & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 25th Anniversary of Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Founded in October 1996 by Paul J. Navarro, P.E., and Charles Wright, the Firm began operations with three employees working out of the basement of Paul Navarro's house in Steelton, Pennsylvania. The company flourished from its humble beginnings and has grown to a total of 190 employees across nine offices in three states—Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware.

The Firm's original clients included land developers, municipalities, and utility companies. The housing boom of the late 90s and early 2000s fostered growth opportunities, and the Firm quickly expanded its services to capture a segment of the transportation sector.

In 1998, the Firm was certified as a minority-owned business with PennDOT and the PA Department of General Services, which enabled it to bid on public works projects with state agencies. Today, the Firm is a certified MBE/DBE, with numerous state agencies across the Mid-Atlantic region. Over the years, the Firm made several acquisitions, such as Foust Geological Services, and Raudenbush Engineering, which bolstered its transportation services and geographic presence into Western Pennsylvania.

The Firm moved to its current corporate headquarters in New Cumberland, PA in 1999, and acquired/now occupies the 14,000 square foot building that houses several of its business units and corporate staff.

Navarro & Wright consistently is recognized among the Top Private Companies and Fastest Growing Companies in the Central Pennsylvania area for the past 25 years. The Firm also earned a Top 100 MBE Firm in the Mid-Atlantic region.

True to its mission statement, "Delivering Vital Infrastructure through Design Excellence," Navarro & Wright approaches each project with the client's needs and objectives at the forefront. It has earned a reputation of delivering high quality services across the many markets—a distinction that is a tribute to the key leaders and talented employees of the Firm who give their utmost attention to each project. The Firm's belief in continuous improvement enables its team to maintain a high level of service, and to continue to grow and prosper.

I'm honored and privileged to commend Mr. Paul J. Navarro, P.E., and Navarro & Wright Consulting Services on 25 years of success, prosperity, and vital service to our communities. I wish Mr. Navarro and the Firm continued success and prosperity into the future.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK COLLINS FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF TEACHING AT BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator in my district, Mr. Patrick Collins, who has dedicated fifty years towards teaching the young men of Miami-Dade County.

Patrick received his B.A. in history and secondary education from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, in 1971. That same year, he began his impressive teaching career at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, where he still teaches today. Shortly after beginning his career at Belen, he became the Chairperson of the newly created Social Studies Department—a clear indicator of his leadership qualities even at a young age. In 1975, Patrick received his M.S. in administration in secondary education from Barry University and founded Belen's varsity tennis team, where he served as head coach until 2007. If that year wasn't busy enough for Patrick, he also fostered the longstanding relationship with Belen and Close Up Foundation, thereby allowing thousands of students to visit Washington, D.C., and witness the seat of our nation's government. In fact, in 2015, he was inducted into Close Up Foundation's Educator Hall of Fame, a distinction which he rightfully deserves.

It has been an honor to work with Mr. Collins over the years and I truly value his friendship. I have visited his classroom on several occasions to speak to his students regarding my role as a Member of Congress and it is clear how respected he is amongst his students and peers. Through these visits, I have seen firsthand his passion for teaching and the influence that he has on all those who he interacts with. He represents the values that Belen Jesuit Preparatory School hopes to instill in its students and has done a commendable job preparing young men for their future.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know that an educator such as Mr. Collins resides in South Florida. He has truly made a difference in the lives of every student he interacts with and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ADVOCACY OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AT THE UNVEILING OF HER STATUE IN HER HOMETOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elizabeth Cady Stan-

ton at the unveiling of her statue in her hometown of Johnstown, New York.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a legendary leader in the fight for women's rights, particularly for women's suffrage. She was a key organizer of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, which is credited with launching the women's rights movement in the United States. Stanton was the primary drafter of the Declaration of Sentiments which detailed the rights championed at the convention.

Stanton went on to found the National Women's Suffrage Association, which she presided over for 20 years. In 1866, Stanton became the first woman to run for Congress, even though she did not yet have the right to vote herself. In addition to her important work fighting for women, she also took up the cause of slavery. An ardent abolitionist, she co-founded the Women's Loyal National League to encourage Congress to pass the 13th Amendment, making slavery illegal.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton died in 1902 after a lifetime fighting for equality. The 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote, would not become law for 18 more years. Over 100 years after her death, the legacy of her work remains deeply impactful. This statue erected in her hometown of Johnstown, New York is a testament to the lasting effect that her fight for equality had on this nation. I am proud to honor Elizabeth Cady Stanton on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

HONORING SUNISA (SUNI) LEE FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2020 TOKYO SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sunisa (Suni) Lee for her achievements during the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic games, which were held July 23 through August 8, 2021. At the age of 18, Ms. Lee made history in her Olympic debut as the first Hmong-American to represent the United States. She demonstrated outstanding skill and training, winning the gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, helping Team USA win a silver medal in the team final and winning the bronze medal in the uneven bars.

Ms. Lee is a lifelong resident of Saint Paul, in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District. I'm very proud to say that she's a graduate of South Saint Paul High School, my alma mater. She joined a remarkable group of 17 Minnesota athletes who qualified to compete for Team USA. Throughout the competition, she displayed a spirit and determination that boosted Team USA and their fans across the United States.

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Born in 2003 to parents who came to the U.S. as refugees from Laos, Ms. Lee is accustomed to working hard and overcoming challenges. Just one day before leaving to compete in the 2019 U.S. gymnastics championship, her father and top cheerleader, Houa (John) Lee, became paralyzed in a tree trimming accident. Despite this tragedy, John encouraged Suni to go and compete. She went on to defy expectations and finish second in the gymnastics all-around. Since then, she has assisted her father in his recovery, along with her mother Yeev Thoj and her siblings, all while continuing her demanding schedule of academic studies and training. Her resilience and determination reflect the heart of an Olympian.

In tribute to Ms. Lee's Olympic gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter named Friday, July 30, 2021 as Sunisa Lee Day in Minnesota and Saint Paul. On August 8, a parade was held in her honor through her East Side Saint Paul neighborhood. Thousands of fans, family and friends gathered on White Bear Avenue to cheer on her victories and celebrating her achievements on behalf of Team USA.

Throughout her life, Ms. Lee has been a positive force for her family, her community in Saint Paul, Minnesota and the United States. Her victory as the first Hmong-American to win Olympic gold in the all-around gymnastics category is especially inspiring to Asian-American girls who see her as a role model who is capable of performing at the highest level on the global stage.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Sunisa Lee for her outstanding accomplishments, along with her incomparable talent, extraordinary commitment, and resilient spirit. We wish Ms. Lee well as she begins a new chapter as a student-athlete at Auburn University.

SYMPATHY RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MR. FLOYD LEE SMALL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small, a beloved father, veteran, and friend.

Whereas, Mr. Floyd Small was born in Miami, Florida on April 1, 1953, to the late James and Annie Mae Small. He was one of nine siblings. Mr. Small had a strong Christian upbringing, in a household where love and values were instilled and strongly emphasized at an early age; and

Whereas, Mr. Small was among the first class to integrate South Dade High School in the early 70's. Immediately after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, on October 15, 1979, he was united in holy matrimony to Brenda Donaldson. With this union, came a daughter Tiffany and two stepdaughters Kimberly and Tracy; and

Whereas, he was a man of many talents and gifts. In his early adult years, he began

working at Turkey Pointe as an apprentice in the water treatment plant. Throughout the remainder of his career, he worked in diverse industries such as: Law enforcement, as a police dispatcher, freelance photographer, MC/DJ. In the 90's, he mastered the art of window tinting and eventually started X-pert Window Tinting.

Whereas, Mr. Small was loved by many and shed light on whomever crossed his path. He knew that God gave him a voice. He used this voice to sing, inspire, and help others make sense of life. His amazing sense of humor rubbed off on anyone that was near him; and

Whereas, on August 5, 2021, the Lord called him home. Mr. Small leaves to cherish his precious memories: his daughter Tiffany (Willis) Howard; Two brothers; Edward (Michelle), Willie; six sisters, Annie Bell Walker, Sharon Ferguson, Carolyn (Ralph) Baptiste, Sandra Small, Deborah (Joe) Roberts and Jacqueline (Glenn) Gray; His grandson Jacob; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, countless friends; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small.

IN RECOGNITION OF PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S ENVIROTHON TEAM

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pleasant Valley High School's Envirothon Team. The team of Emma Barrett (captain), Reece Kresge, Zachary Dooner, Jacob Possinger, and Benjamin Keppel recently placed seventh at the International NCF-Envirothon competition hosted virtually at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Envirothon began in Pennsylvania in 1979 as the "Environmental Olympics" to encourage young people to take an interest in conservation and environmental issues, and, over the past four decades, the program has expanded to 46 states and internationally to Canada and China. Teachers and professionals support high school students as they participate in natural resource environmental education both in the classroom and outdoors.

To advance to the international competition, the team competed against teams from 58 Pennsylvania counties in a series of field station tests focused five areas: soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. They also prepared and delivered an oral presentation where they demonstrated their problem solving and oral presentation skills and provided their recommendations to solve a current environmental issue. Their impressive performance earned them first place and a chance to compete at the international competition. The team also posted the top score in the wildlife station.

At the 32nd annual NCF-Envirothon competition, hosted by the National Conservation Foundation and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, the team took on 42

teams—35 from the United States, four from Canada, and three from China. Vying for glory as well as scholarships and awards, the team competed in the five stations and delivered their oral presentation to a panel of judges, ultimately placing seventh overall and earning \$1,000 scholarships.

It is an honor to recognize Emma, Reece, Zachary, Jacob, Benjamin, and their advisor, Maricatherine Garr, as they celebrate this outstanding achievement. They have made the 8th Congressional District proud and represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania well on the world stage. These students have bright futures ahead of them in whatever career path they choose, and I wish them well as they continue on in their studies. May they be lifelong stewards and advocates for our environment.

RICHARD L. TRUMKA AND UNITE HERE: A REMEMBRANCE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a statement written by John W. Wilhelm, Retired President, UNITE HERE, in honor of the late Rich Trumka.

UNITE HERE had a special bond with Rich Trumka. His unexpected death this month hit the labor movement hard. It was a personal loss for me, and the loss of a passionate advocate for the members of our Union.

Rich Trumka was a leader of principle and courage. He was a third generation coal miner from immigrant Italian and Polish stock, growing up in the little Appalachian coal town of Nemacolin in southwest Pennsylvania.

His Union, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), is one of the most important Unions—arguably the single most important—in American labor history. The UMWA was founded in 1890, one year before HERE. The UMWA has always been important to its fiercely loyal members, working for brutal companies in a dangerous industry. It was equally important to the American labor movement because the UMWA was the driving force in the creation of the CIO and the massive industrial organizing campaigns of the Great Depression, as well as a crucial political ally for President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

My mother, who grew up in the coal country of Southwest Virginia, always said that the only good things that ever happened to the Appalachian people were Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Mine Workers.

After the legendary Mine Workers leader John L. Lewis retired in 1960, the Union lost its way. Rich Trumka went to Penn State, intending to play football until he got hurt, and then the Villanova Law School. Rich could have done anything, but he decided to become part of a growing reform movement in the UMWA. After the murder of reform leader Jock Yablonski, Rich redoubled his efforts. In 1982, at age 33, he was elected President of his Union.

Rich set out to restore the confidence of the miners in their Union, and to restore the Union's hard-earned respect from the coal companies. His rebuilding program culminated in the epic 10-month strike of 2,000 Union miners against the Pittston Coal Company in 1989-1990. Pittston was a creative